

CLAIMS

1. A multistage projectile for firing from a weapon for immobilization of a remote target; the projectile comprising:

a first stage having at lest one electrical contact for discharging electrical energy into the target; and

5 a second stage having a high voltage source and at least one wire tether connected to said first stage for transmitting said electrical energy to said electrical contact.

2. The multistage projectile recited in claim 1 further comprising a case, said case housing said first stage and said second stage.

3. The multistage projectile recited in claim 1 wherein said second stage high voltage source comprises a transformer.

4. The multistage projectile recited in claim 1 wherein said second stage high voltage source comprises a battery.

5. The multistage projectile recited in claim 1 wherein said first stage has two of said electrical contacts and wherein said second stage has two of said wire tethers.

6. The multistage projectile recited in claim 2 wherein said first and second stages are positioned in spaced apart relation within said case.

7. The multistage projectile recited in claim 2 wherein said case is shaped as a hollow circular cylinder.

8. The multistage projectile recited in claim 1 wherein said second stage has a mass that is greater than the mass of said first stage.

9. The multistage projectile recited in claim 1 wherein said second stage has a mass which is at least ten times the mass of said first stage.

10. The multistage projectile recited in claim 1 wherein said first stage has a mass that is no greater than about 10 grams.

11. The multistage projectile recited in claim 1 wherein said first and second stages have different aerodynamic characteristics.

12. The multistage projectile recited in claim 1 further comprising at least one electrical switch for selectively disabling said high voltage source until said projectile is fired from a weapon.